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ONE PAPER

In the HOME is worth a dozen in the byway, and just remember THE DEMOCRAT is the home paper of Mercer County.

FREEING OF TROOPS

Captured at Carrizal May Prevent Expected Clash

But Washington Still Demands Word As to Carranza's Attitude Towards Pershing's Force.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—An immediate break between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico was averted by compliance with the American demand for the release of the 23 troopers captured in the fight at Carrizal.

Whether a state of war has been averted or merely postponed on one here would attempt to say tonight. Official information as to the attitude of General Carranza was lacking. Until his response to Secretary Lansing's note dispatched Sunday, making two pre-emptory and distinct demands, is received here there will be no decision on whether President Wilson shall lay his cards before Congress.

News of the release of the prisoners received here early tonight in press dispatches, brought undisguised relief to high officials. It was accepted as correct although no announcement had come through official sources. Moreover it was assumed that Carranza, impressed with the urgency of the situation had ordered the captured cavalrymen started for the border without waiting for his announcement of his action to reach Washington.

TENSION IS LESSENED

While it is generally conceded that this move lessens tension and makes a crisis less imminent, no one conversant with the grave problem is losing sight of the fact that the all important question of Carranza's attitude toward the expedition across the border to protect the territory and citizens of the United States from bandit outrages remains unsettled. If the de facto government stands upon the orders to General Trevino to attack General Pershing's men when they move otherwise than toward the border, the situation actually is just what it was before, except that there now is a possibility of diplomatic negotiation that did not exist while the Americans were held prisoners at Chihuahua.

The preparations of the United States for war will go steadily forward. There will be no interruption of the rush of National Guardsmen to the border and General Funston will continue to lead the forces under this command as though he expected an immediate attack from the Mexicans.

LUTHERAN

Congregation at Chattanooga to Lay Corner-Stone

Of Proposed New Edifice Next Sunday—Noted Men to Take Part in Services.

The laying of the corner stone of the new Lutheran church which is nearing completion at Chattanooga will be held next Sunday, July 2.

The program of the day's services will be of high merit. Prof. K. V. Smith of Capital University, Columbus, O., has been secured to give the address. Rev. E. F. Brandt of Oak Harbor will also be present and speak in English. Rev. Brandt is a Chattanooga product, having been born and reared in that vicinity. He will be welcomed by his many friends.

Sunday will be a day that many Lutherans in and about Chattanooga will clean forward to.

DARING HOLD-UP

In Heart of Lima—W. O. Ticket Agent Is Robbed by Highwayman—Gets Away.

LIMA, O., June 27.—A hold up man, operating single handed, robbed the agent of the Western Ohio Railway here shortly before midnight and escaped. Scores of pedestrians saw the man's flight after the robbery. The robber obtained \$265, the receipts for the day at the ticket office.

Albert Shaw, the agent, was closing up the business for the day when the robbery occurred. He had placed the cash in a box and had gone down into the basement to deposit it in the safe. As he was opening the safe he heard footsteps behind him and turning, he looked into the muzzle of a revolver. He was forced to give the robber the box containing the money.

The robber, warning Shaw to make no outcry, ran to the stairs and ascended. At the top he slowed up and walked to the door as there were three other persons in the waiting room. When he reached the street he broke into a run.

Shaw quickly followed and gave the alarm. A chaffeur, commanding an automobile, took up the pursuit but lost the fugitive in the darkness. Police, when they reached the scene, were unable to find a trace of the man. The station is located in the downtown business district.

NOLAN GETS OFF EASY

George P. Nolan was arrested Sunday evening on a charge of non-support. Nolan was indicted by the last grand jury and since that time the officers were unable to locate him. He was locked up to await his hearing.

When arraigned Wednesday morning, Nolan pleaded guilty to the charge of non-support and after considering the case the judge was rather lenient. Nolan was released on consideration that he pay \$1 per week toward the support of his wife and child. The little daughter, Mary Nolan, is not eight years of age.

ICE CREAM AND CAKE SOCIAL

The ladies of Trinity M. E. Church, at Erastus, will give an ice-cream and cake social at that place Saturday evening, July 1. Price, 10c. Everyone is urged to attend.

THE SPIRIT WORTH WHILE

COLUMBUS, O., June 28.—"We are as willing to march to new graves now as we were fifty years ago and we recognize that the Rio Grande is our border as much as the Ohio River," reads the letter received today by Governor Willis tendering the services of fifty seven trained Civil War veterans of Jackson. These men, it is claimed, are prepared to post any patrol duty or drill new recruits on any other service that may be required, except to take long marches.

"We are ready to show that the patriotism of the Grand Army Boys does not consist only of cashing out checks, singing the 'Star Spangled Banner' and the marching to the cemeteries on Memorial Day to decorate the graves of our dead," continued the letter.

If the Ohio Manufacturers' Association would catch some of this spirit it would sound better and leave a better taste in the mouth.

MEXICO

President Wilson has never wanted war. In the days when his opponents attacked him and tried to goad him into the use of the armed forces of the United States he remained steadfast to his determination that the blood of young American soldiers should never be shed except as the last recourse in the effort to uphold the honor of the nation.

Once when even graver eventualities were threatened, the patience of President Wilson's statesmanship was rewarded by diplomatic victory that made the shedding of blood unnecessary. It was the president's previous moderation that gave such force to the ominous ultimatum that brought full concession to the rights of America and humanity.

No president of the United States has ever played the cause of the people of the United States upon a higher plane. No president has ever struggled more valiantly to preserve peace with honor. His critics have proved the case for President Wilson. Their unanimous approval of his present course has not dulled the edge of his desire for honorable peace.

The immovability of the president in the face of selfish and partisan criticism, coming from those who thought more of personal advantage than of the welfare of the nation, has been the best security of the American people throughout the time the world has been darkened by war clouds.

If the sword of righteousness must now be unsheathed, the American people know that it is because peaceful means have been exhausted. If the sword is raised to strike it is because the head of the de facto government of Mexico refuses to respect the rights of America.

No president has ever tried so hard to interpret the real spirit of America. Mr. Wilson said that he would rather know what the men and women gathered around their own fireside, are saying than to listen to the orations of the self-appointed.

In his handling of the Mexican problem President Wilson has been guided by the single impulse to do what the American people would have him do—to exhaust all the peaceful means at his disposal to protect the lives and property of American people and families that, to uphold the honor and dignity of the nation by the use of its armed forces.

The note written by the state department to General Carranza in response to his threat to attack the American troops presented the complete case of the American position in the region of the border. As in the European situation, when the ultimatum with its ominous note brought full concessions, it marked the end of president Wilson's patience.

The lives of the American soldiers in Mexico, soldiers who were sent there to protect the border from the raids of bandits bent on murdering Americans, had been threatened.

In the night of righteousness, the sword of America was then raised to strike, and in the struggle that threatens, the nation enters upon its task with a clean and fearless heart.

Behind the president who has so truly represented the charitable spirit of the American people behind the president who stands the mighty host of patriotic Americans, united, valiant and conscious of the honor and glory of their leader to the ideals of real Americanism.

NOTED COMPANY

Will Assist Young Priest in His Initial Services in This City Next Sunday.

Rev. Charles Roemer, S. J., oldest son of J. A. Roemer, of the J. A. Roemer Co., clothing merchants, of this city, was ordained to the Holy Priesthood at St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo., Wednesday morning. There were 22 young Jesuits in the class ordained by Archbishop John J. Glennon, archbishop of whom were Ohio boys. It was notable too, that at least half of the Ohio delegation seem to come from particularly levitical families. Father Charles, the eldest of three Jesuit brothers, the other two, being still students in the St. Louis University.

This morning Father Roemer celebrated a low mass at Lafayette, Ind. Next Sunday at 9:30 a. m., he will celebrate his first solemn high mass at the Catholic church in this city. Owing to the recent death of his mother there will be no elaborate celebration of the occasion.

The young priest's father, J. A. Roemer, secretary of Archdiocese of Cincinnati, is a Jesuit student and brother of Father Charles. He is sub-deacon. Rev. George Hindelang, C. P. S., Provincial of St. Charles Seminary and pastor of the local church, will act as Arch Priest. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Augustus Seifert, formerly rector of St. Joseph's College, Collegeville, Ind. On Monday morning Father Roemer will celebrate a solemn requiem mass for his deceased mother, the late Mrs. J. A. Roemer.

MEXICAN

Treachery at Battle of Carrizal Now Definitely Known

Notes Found on Body of Captain Boyd Show Americans Were Deliberately Led Into Trap.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, June 26.—All doubt as to the treachery manifested by the Mexican soldiers under Gomez when they opened fire on two American troops at Carrizal last Wednesday morning was dispelled completely today by the finding of the body of Captain Boyd, who paid with his life for his trust in the Mexicans.

Captain Boyd's body was found in the desert by Major Jenkins who has been searching for American dead and wounded from the Carrizal fight with a detachment of the Eleventh Cavalry.

In Captain Boyd's pocket was found a note book containing a carbon copy of a letter he had just sent to the Mexican jefe at Carrizal and the original of a note sent word to the Mexican authorities of the Mexican, who was also killed in the firing which followed his order to his men to fire upon the Americans.

There is also a carbon copy of a note Captain Boyd sent to General Pershing in which he stated his intention of going on to Villa Ahumada.

OUTLINE OF PURPORT
An outline of the purport of these documents, sent by Major Jenkins to General Pershing, was sent by the commander of the American expedition force to General Funston today. The papers prove:

That Captain Boyd halted his troop and that of Captain Lewis S. Morey while he sent word to the Mexican authorities of Carrizal that the Americans were on a peaceful mission and that he asked permission to pass through Carrizal.

That General Gomez replied in his own handwriting by inviting Captain Boyd and his men to enter Carrizal for a conference.

The full wording of these interchanged notes has not been forwarded here, but Gen. Pershing's comment when he read them, was, "It looks like treachery to me."

LOCATES SURVIVORS

Major Jenkins located today Captain Morey and the four troopers with whom he regained the American line. The major's scouting party is still searching for stragglers, survivors of the Carrizal engagement, in the region of the Salado River. It is known that one survivor is still wandering on the desert.

With the finding of these five men, the number of those who returned is brought up to 43 enlisted men and one officer. There were 54 men in all in the two troops of the 10th Cavalry who were prisoners at Chihuahua City, which leaves 18 to be accounted for. The stragglers believed to be heading north from Salado accounts for another of the Americans, leaving 17 men to be accounted for. If 12 of them were killed, as is believed, there are still five men to be accounted for.

REFUGEE IN ADOBE

Major Jenkins' report to General Pershing states that after the first firing of the engagement Captain Morey and his men took refuge in a nearby adobe. There they were surrounded by a greatly superior force of Mexicans. During the night Captain Morey directed his men to leave the adobe and to make their way to the south. The Mexicans, however, refused to let them go and the Mexicans, however, refused to let them go.

Captain Morey was driving the machine and on nearing the bridge, it hit a bad place in the road, crashing into one of the end pieces of the bridge, with such force as to tear off one front and one back wheel.

A telephone call was sent at once to Prosecutor Myers and Mr. Runyon, in this city, and they went after their families, bringing them here.

Dr. Weimer attended to the injured parties at Coldwater.

TOWN TOPICS

A number of the Celina teachers left the first of the week to attend the annual state meeting of teachers. Those in attendance from this city were Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Pogue and son Owen, County superintendent. Catherine, Misses Fern and Lillian Raudabaugh Maude Collins, Mary Langel and Harriet Breit.

The residence that formerly stood next to Aaron Langel, was destroyed by fire. The new house is being moved to East Anthony street, to make room for the new structure erected by the Groffmans.

Stockholders of the Elmer D. Webb company, who enjoyed a big fish fry at the Ashley Hotel, last Thursday evening, E. E. Velle and J. A. Wagner, who this city are stock holders in the company.

The state counsel in the case of Shelby Deigel, charged with illegal fishing, failed to appear at the hearing of the case before Justice of the Peace C. A. Stubbs, last Wednesday and the case was dismissed.

Frank Smith, who hilled from somewhere in Indiana, was arrested last Monday night by Marshal Duncan on a charge of being a vagrant. He was taken to the county jail and is now being held.

Tom Durbin, wife and family left last Sunday for Midland, Mich. They made the trip in Mr. Durbin's machine.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wyckoff left the first of the week for Washington, D. C. They will be joined there by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wyckoff, of Miami, Florida. After taking in the sights at Washington they will go to Baltimore for a visit with Dr. J. Wyckoff and family. The party from there will take a summer's outing along the New England coast.

The 1914 club were entertained by Mrs. E. J. Brookhart at luncheon Tuesday afternoon, at her home on North Main St. Guests from out of town included Mrs. Paul Stary, Cleveland, Mrs. Lott Smith, Detroit, Mrs. Fred Martin, Webster City, Iowa, Mrs. P. P. Dinkler.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dorsten, Mrs. Jennie McDonald and daughter, Miss Maude, motored to the homes of August Bushler and Benj. Berger, South of Montezuma, Wednesday evening and spent a very enjoyable time.

REAR END COLLISION AT THE FORT

A rear end collision of two freight trains occurred at Ft. Recovery last Tuesday afternoon. Local 51 was just leaving the main track when number 62 coming down grade about 25 miles an hour was unable to stop and crashed into the caboose of the local.

No one was injured but the compact caused one car to leave the track and destroyed one car of merchandise.

LATE ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Baugher, of Liberty township, are the happy parents of a baby girl born last Monday night.

Auditor and Mrs. J. P. Steinbrunner are the happy parents of a baby boy born last Monday night.

GRADE

On Main Market Road Referred to Street Committee

Curbing of Another Street Proposed Motorizing of Fire Department Discussed.

At the regular meeting of Council Tuesday evening the matter of motorizing the fire department was taken up. Carson, chairman of the fire committee reported that one of the horses was in bad shape and that the matter should have immediate attention. He also spoke of a proper fire alarm system. Fire Chief Weber talked to council in favor of both movements.

Engineer Hinton brought up the matter of changing the grade on the Main Market road. If the grade be made as at first stated it will mean the removal of a great deal of dirt. This matter was referred to the street committee.

A motion was carried that the \$13000 water works bond issue be awarded to the Davis Water Co., at their bid of \$419.

The street committee reported that the city had a car load of street oil and thought it should be put on the streets. The curbing and guttering of West Warren street from Main to Mill was left to the street committee.

The big team of horses belonging to the Kelley Coal Co., ran away last Tuesday night. Martin Johnson and C. Kelley were in the wagon driving down Fulton street. Just as they turned down Fulton to Mill one of the lines broke and the horses ran on and ran down the Mill street. As they started on the mad dash Kelley jumped out but Johnson remained in the wagon. Kelley was thrown, falling on his head and shoulders. He was very badly bruised up. The team was stopped by an employee at the Amos Bending Company.

Y. P. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Young People's Alliance of the Evangelical church of this city at a meeting last Monday evening, elected the following officers for the coming six months:

President—Leon Royce.
Vice President—Chas. Dicke.
Recording Secretary—Lydia Fox.
Corresponding Secretary—Ole Hinton.

Treasurer—Floyd Storke.
Flanist—Albert F. Smith.
Chorister—L. E. Pumphrey.

Charles Dicke was elected as delegate to attend the Oak Park Assembly in August.

SMASH-UP

Shows Close Call for Wife Prosecutor Meyer and Party—Auto Wheels Torn Off.

Mrs. B. A. Myers had her shoulder and arm badly injured and Robert Runyon, son of O. V. Runyon, of this city, was badly bruised and scratched when a car they were riding in ran into a bridge just east of Coldwater.

The machine, which belonged to O. V. Runyon, contained Mr. Burt Myers and son and Mrs. Runyon and children, who were on their way to Ft. Recovery.

Mrs. Myers was driving the machine and on nearing the bridge, it hit a bad place in the road, crashing into one of the end pieces of the bridge, with such force as to tear off one front and one back wheel.

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FOURTH

To Be Celebrated at Coldwater in Splendid Fashion

Under Auspices of Young Men of Holy Trinity Church—Races, Contests and Music.

Under the auspices of the young men of Holy Trinity church, arrangements are being made for a big celebration and picnic on the church grounds July Fourth. The young men have entire charge of serving the meals and promise to furnish a menu that will satisfy the most exacting.

Amusements will be provided for both young and old and all are invited to come to Coldwater on the Fourth and enjoy the day with the Holy Trinity congregation.

The Celina and Coldwater bands will furnish the music for the occasion and you can rest assured that the musical program will be a feature worth hearing. There will be races and contests for to all and liberal prizes will be awarded to the winners. A merry-go-round will be on the ground and you are particularly invited to visit the art gallery and the museum.

Every effort will be put forth to make the day a happy and pleasant one for all who attend, and you are kindly invited to come and spend the day and evening at Coldwater.

There will also be a ball game at 1 o'clock. This will be a game and well worth seeing, as both teams are out for glory and there will be many partisans to yell for their favorites.

A grand display of fireworks will be a feature of the evening that you cannot afford to miss. Come and you will be made doubly welcome.—Coldwater Chronicle.

THIRTY-NINE

Years' Litigation Ends in Victory for Land Owners

After twelve years of litigation the question of title to something over three thousand acres of land in the south end of the county, was practically settled last Friday, when the Court of Appeals by unanimous concurrence found and decreed for the defendants in the action of Joseph Moton and York Ryal, for themselves and others, against Gerhard Kessens and others, better known as the famous Randolph slave case. The title was awarded to the plaintiffs and a motion for a new trial overruled.

The case was begun twelve years ago, when Joseph Moton, York Ryal and others filed in Common Pleas Court in this county a bill of partition against many different owners of land in the hands of the United States of Virginia, at the time of the destruction of the Capitol of Virginia, in 1864.

Randolph was at one time attorney general of the United States and was reported to be the wealthiest man living in the United States during this time.

His will is very lengthy and full of many interesting facts. He bequeathed his library to John Marshall, at that time Chief Justice of the United States. The Supreme Court, and part of his estate to Francis Pickens, author of the Star Spangled Banner.

He named Judge William Leigh as his executor, bequeathed a goodly number of all his slaves, some three hundred in number, and set aside a large sum of money for the education of his children. He transported the slaves to some other part of the United States and purchased land where they might settle. He began the case which has just been settled by the Court of Appeals.

The Randolph slaves were released from bondage by the General Court of Virginia, at Richmond, on May 4, 1846. They were brought to this state, and attempted to be sold.

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PERSONAL

Cornelius and Simon Egger, of Chattanooga, were in town Tuesday.

Deputy Sheriff Herbert Schindler was a business visitor at Lima Monday.

George Homer, of St. Henry, who has been on the sick list, is rapidly improving.

John Davis, Jr., of Webb City, Mo., is spending several weeks here with his aunt, Mrs. E. E. Stephenson.

Ralph Panger, who is attending business college at Ft. Wayne, Ind., is spending several weeks vacation at his home here.

Mrs. Walter Poffel and children returned Wednesday to Dunkirk, Ind., after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schaller. Mrs. Poffel is the daughter of Mrs. Schaller.

Mrs. S. Baumgartner returned last Tuesday to her home at Perryburg, after visiting several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. O. Rentsch, in this city.

Rev. W. W. Lane left last Tuesday for Indianapolis, where he will visit with his son William, who belongs to the National Guards, and who is shortly to leave for Mexico. While there Rev. Lane will attend the convention of the anti-saloon league in session in that city this week.

NOTICE

We, the undersigned hardware dealers, will be open Monday, Thursday and Saturday evenings of each week during the summer months.

J. H. KELLEY & NICKEL, HOWE CO.
KAYLOR & BRENNEMAN.
J. F. MOORE.
CELINA HARDWARE CO.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

An ice cream social will be held next Thursday, July 6, in the court house park at the Willing, in the evening of the Evangelical church having charge.

CELINA LAD WINS COVETED HONOR

The following dispatch from Columbus to the Cincinnati Enquirer last Tuesday will be of interest to the many friends of Clarence Leifeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Leifeld, of this city:

Columbus, O., June 28.—Out of 274 applicants who took the examination for admission to the bar this week during the summer months, the names were given out today and it is announced that the oath to the new lawyers will be administered by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on July 1. Among the applicants were six successful young women all of whom passed.

Among the list of successful candidates was the name of Clarence J. Leifeld of Celina. Clarence graduated from the Ohio State University of law this spring and best wishes are extended to him for a successful career.

PEOPLE

Will Appreciate Improvements Proposed by Fair Board

Mud to Be Eliminated by Crushed Stone Driveways—Many New Features for Meeting.

At a meeting of the Fair Board last Tuesday it was decided to make many changes and improvements and prepare for the big Banner Fair this year.

Ticket sellers, police and gate keepers were appointed. W. E. Reynolds was appointed chief of police.

At the nursery the ladies and many mothers who visit the Banner Fair will find a very pleasing person in charge in the form of Mrs. Roberts, of this city.

The members of the Board, after going over the grounds, decided to make improvements on both grounds and grandstand. A contract was entered into with John W. Karch to put stone on the grandstand and to take the main drive. The old fence surrounding the race track has been torn down and a new one is now under construction.

Members of lands who play at the Fair this year the board decided to give \$2.50 each, but no tickets for the entire Fair.

Wednesday will be Old Soldier's day and the old soldiers and their wives or widows will be admitted upon this day free of charge.

The Boys' Stock Judging contest will be on Friday the Board decided to make the feature a grand Horse Shoe Pitching Contest in co-operation with the State Fair and under the rules of the National Horse Shoe Pitching Association.

Very little or no record was maintained of the reunion. Secy Lee states until the ninth, when Mr. Lee's brother was elected secretary.

These men on whose shoulders the weight of more than fifty years since the close of the Civil War, have been the most part, are plenty of fighting service. They were at the evacuation by the rebels of Columbus Ky., were at Shiloh and participated in the stirring events at that point. They did guard duty at Chattanooga and other points in Tennessee, in the Atlanta campaign,